

Union Calendar No. 40

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1297

[Report No. 108-62, Part I]

To require the construction at Arlington National Cemetery of a memorial
to the crew of the Columbia Orbiter.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 2003

Mr. YOUNG of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Science, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

APRIL 8, 2003

Additional sponsors: Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. EVANS, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. REYES, Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. FILNER, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. BEAUPREZ, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Mr. SNYDER

APRIL 8, 2003

Reported from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

APRIL 8, 2003

Referral to the Committee on Science extended for a period ending not later
than April 8, 2003

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The Committee on Science discharged; committed to the Committee of the
Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Columbia Orbiter Me-
5 morial Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONSTRUCTION OF MEMORIAL TO CREW OF CO-**
7 **LUMBIA ORBITER AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL**
8 **CEMETERY.**

9 (a) CONSTRUCTION REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
10 the Army shall, in consultation with the Administrator of
11 the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, con-
12 struct at an appropriate place in Arlington National Cem-
13 etery, Virginia, a memorial marker honoring the seven
14 members of the crew of the Columbia Orbiter who died
15 on February 1, 2003, over the State of Texas during the
16 landing of space shuttle mission STS–107.

17 (b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Of the amount appro-
18 priated or otherwise made available by title II of the De-
19 partment of Defense Appropriations Act, 2003 (Public
20 Law 107–248) under the heading “OPERATION AND
21 MAINTENANCE, ARMY”, \$500,000 shall be available for

1 the construction of the memorial marker required by sub-
2 section (a).

3 **SEC. 3. DONATIONS FOR MEMORIAL FOR CREW OF COLUM-**
4 **BIA ORBITER.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT DONATIONS.**—The Ad-
6 ministrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Admin-
7 istration may accept gifts and donations of services,
8 money, and property (including personal, tangible, or in-
9 tangible property) for the purpose of an appropriate me-
10 morial or monument to the seven members of the crew
11 of the Columbia Orbiter who died on February 1, 2003,
12 over the State of Texas during the landing of space shuttle
13 mission STS–107, whether such memorial or monument
14 is constructed by the Administrator or is the memorial
15 marker required by section 2.

16 (b) **TRANSFER.**—(1) The Administrator may transfer
17 to the Secretary of the Army any services, money, or prop-
18 erty accepted by the Administrator under subsection (a)
19 for the purpose of the construction of the memorial mark-
20 er required by section 2.

21 (2) Any moneys transferred to the Secretary under
22 paragraph (1) shall be merged with amounts in the ac-
23 count referred to in subsection (b) of section 2, and shall
24 be available for the purpose referred to in that subsection.

1 (c) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority of
2 the Administrator to accept gifts and donations under
3 subsection (a) shall expire five years after the date of the
4 enactment of this Act.

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